

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, declared inapplicable to the lands herein above relinquished and granted.

Inconsistent laws declared inapplicable.

APPROVED, July 1, 1870.

CHAP. CXCVIII. — *An Act for the Disposal of the Lands within the Fort Ridgely Military Reservation, Minnesota.* July 1, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the War Department having abandoned the Fort Ridgely reservation, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War, immediately upon the passage of this act, to cause to be appraised the government improvements upon said reservation, and shall report the value thereof to the commissioner of the general land office, designating the particular legal subdivision of land upon which the same exist; and the lands within said reservation not heretofore entered and patented shall be subject to disposal under the pre-emption laws of the United States, or at private entry after public offering, and for cash only, and persons entering upon or purchasing said lands shall pay the appraised value of the government improvements that may appear to exist on their respective claims at the date of proving up, or of purchase at private entry.

Lands within the Fort Ridgely military reservation, Minnesota, to be disposed of.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all entries which have been made on lands within the limits of the said reserve, and for which the general land office may have issued patents in regular form, not having, at the time, knowledge of said reserve, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed: *Provided,* That the value of the government improvements thereon have been, or shall be, paid for by the persons making said entries, or by their assigns: *And provided further,* That the same shall be paid for within one year from the passage of this act; and if the same are not paid for within the time designated, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to, and shall immediately thereafter, institute judicial proceedings against any and all of the said parties, or their assigns, failing to make said payment, with the view to vacate the patents which may have issued.

Certain entries confirmed.

Value of improvements to be paid for in one year, if not, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all entries heretofore made on said lands, and not yet patented, are hereby declared, at the discretion of the commissioner, null and void, and directed to be cancelled by the said commissioner of the general land office, and the lands embraced therein shall be disposed of under the provisions of this act.

Certain entries heretofore made declared null.

APPROVED, July 1, 1870.

CHAP. CXCIX. — *An Act in Relation to certain unsold Lands in the Counties of Porter and Lake, in the State of Indiana.* July 1, 1870.

WHEREAS there is lying along the Little Calumet river, in the counties of Porter and Lake, in the State of Indiana, a body of lands supposed to contain about four thousand acres, which has never been sold or surveyed, and which was described in the original government surveys as impassable morass; and whereas the Calumet Draining Company has been organized under the laws of said State, for the purpose of draining the valley of said river including said morass: Therefore,

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That said unsold lands shall be subject to a lien under the laws of the State of Indiana for its proper proportion of the cost of such drainage, and such lien may be enforced against said lands in the same manner and to the same extent as if the said lands were owned by private persons: *Provided,* That no claim shall be held to exist against the United States for such drainage.

Certain unsold lands on Little Calumet river, Indiana, declared subject to State lien for cost of drainage. Proviso.

Lands may be surveyed and sold subject to lien.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That said lands may be surveyed and sold to the highest bidder, under the directions of the Secretary of the Interior, subject to said lien.

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July 1, 1870.
1867, ch. 61.
Vol. xiv. p. 899.

CHAP. CC. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish and to protect National Cemeteries."*

Jurisdiction, &c. of the United States over national cemeteries to the purchase of which any State has given its consent.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from the time any State legislature shall have given, or shall hereafter give, the consent of such State to the purchase by the United States of any national cemetery mentioned in the act entitled "An act to establish and protect national cemeteries," approved February twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, the jurisdiction and power of legislation of the United States over such cemetery shall in all courts and places be held to be the same as is granted by section eight, article one, of the Constitution of the United States; and all the provisions of said act of February twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, shall be applicable to the same.

Copies of this act to be sent to the governors of such States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to cause copies of this present act to be sent to the governors of all such States, wherein any of such national cemeteries may be situated, to the end that the legislatures of such States may give the consent herein mentioned.

APPROVED, July 1, 1870.

July 7, 1870.

CHAP. CCVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Pre-emption Settlers in the State of Nebraska.*

Certain pre-emption settlers in Nebraska to have one year from the passage of this act to make proof and pdyment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That settlers upon the public domain within the limits of the State of Nebraska, who, prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy, had filed their declaratory statements under the pre-emption laws for tracts once offered at public sale and afterwards included in the lateral limits of any withdrawal for railroad grants, where such lands were at date of filing, as aforesaid, subject to disposal, under said pre-emption laws, and who, through erroneous belief that by such withdrawal the lands so settled upon and claimed became subject to the designation of "unoffered" lands, have failed to make the proof and payment required by law within one year from the date of alleged settlement, shall be, and are hereby, allowed and authorized to make such proof and payment within one year from the passage of this act, upon showing a full compliance with all other provisions of the pre-emption laws: *Provided*, That such settlements were upon the even-numbered sections, and do not include cases declared to be invalid by the commissioner of the general land office.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 7, 1870.

July 7, 1870.
1870, ch. 133.
Ante, p. 153.

CHAP. CCVIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a Police Court for the District of Columbia, and for other Purposes," approved June seventeen, eighteen hundred and seventy.*

Police court for the District of Columbia may be organized and first term held after the judge has been qualified.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act entitled "An act to establish a police court for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved June seventeen, eighteen hundred and seventy, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that the said police court may be organized and the first term thereof held any day after the judge of said court shall have been commissioned and qualified.

APPROVED, July 7, 1870.